

realizes there are a lot of grandfathers wondering about their granddaughters and their future, once 20-year-olds and 30-year-olds start to say, "Wait a minute. Now this is a problem, what are you going to do about it?" Those are the dynamics to get something done.

I presume you expect Congress to get something done now, before it's too late.

Ms. Siegfried. Yes, I do.

The President. Well, listen, I want to thank our panelists for coming. I thought this was an interesting dialog. Good job. I want to thank you all for giving us a chance to come report about this important issue. I'm looking forward to working with Congress. I expect there to be a civil dialog and honest debate. All ideas should be on the table. The American people are going to influence the outcome of this debate.

I want to thank the good people of Memphis for letting me come by and visit with you about it. I want to assure you, I will continue traveling our country asking people to be involved, getting people to write their Congressmen and Senators to say, "Get rid of the partisanship, sit down at the table, and modernize this system for generations to come."

God bless, and thanks for coming.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:21 a.m. at the Canon Center for the Performing Arts. In his remarks, he referred to Mayor A.C. Wharton and Sheriff Mark H. Luttrell of Shelby County, TN; Bishop Gilbert Earl Patterson, International Presiding Bishop, Church of God in Christ, Inc.; Minister of Women's Affairs Massouda Jalal of Afghanistan; and Gov. Jeb Bush of Florida. Discussion participant Pastor Andrew Jackson referred to Bishop Jerry L. Maynard, Fourth Ecclesiastical Jurisdictional in Tennessee, Church of God in Christ.

Statement on the Anniversary of the Terrorist Attack in Madrid, Spain

March 11, 2005

On March 11, we remember the lives lost one year ago in Madrid.

The bombings in Spain were a grim reminder that there are evil people in the world who are willing to kill innocent life. The terrorists hate and target every country that

stands for democracy, tolerance, and freedom. They kill the innocent—children and their mothers on a commuter train—without conscience or mercy.

The world is united in our determination to defeat global terrorism. We share a common faith in the value of freedom and the sanctity of life. We will continue to fight terror and advance freedom so that the world will be more peaceful.

For those who lost loved ones on March 11, it has been a year of sorrow and a year of healing. I join all Americans in sending our expressions of sympathy and solidarity on this solemn day of remembrance.

May God bless the people of Spain and the souls of the departed.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

March 5

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He also had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Paul Martin of Canada to discuss their March 23 meeting in Texas and other issues.

March 7

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, on the South Lawn, he and Mrs. Bush welcomed King Harald V and Queen Sonja of Norway.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush had lunch with the King and Queen of Norway.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Pittsburgh, PA. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with President Jacques Chirac of France to discuss the situation in Lebanon.

Later in the afternoon, upon arrival in Pittsburgh, the President met with USA